

WALDEN '76







Upon a mountain solitude a man instantly feels a sensible exaltation and a better claim to his rights in the universe . . . yet our intellectual and active powers increase with our affection for one another.

From the essays of Ralph Waldo Emerson





The Walden Story

Six years ago Walden was merely an idea and a dream. Marie Loar and a group of students and parents felt a need for a more complete and effective educational environment where students could realize their potential as individuals.

The excitement of a growing idea was felt by students and teachers in the tiny rooms and cramped quarters of the church that was once Walden. A year and a half later the school moved to its present building. The rambling wood and stone structure surrounded by trees and fields seemed to capture and reflect the idea of a Walden.

Classes, meeting inside or out, are relaxed and small. Courses are oriented around the students individually. In this atmosphere students can work with their teachers instead of against them.

Activities at Walden are planned by students rather than for them. Students have organized foreign travel, camping and canoeing trips, and volunteer work with faculty members joining them. People make Walden work.



The most easily recognizable and important aspect of Walden is the genuine respect for individual achievement, ideas, and goals. Each person in Walden is an important part to the whole educational community.





If a relationship among or between people is worthwhile and rewarding there must be a feeling of warmth, trust, caring, and sharing.



Life is really no more than a series of decisions. Students at Walden are presented the opportunity to function as mature individuals in this decision-making process.



Walden Faculty

Jean Fleming, Laura Moran, Toby Garonzik, Reinhard Ziegler, Pamela Ezell, Ken Thornton, Linda Shasberger, Emily Munro, Gary Barnett, Dana Goodrich, Gary Fleming, and MISSING (but presumed alive and well) Mike Flanagan.



I am more convinced than ever
after five years that high school
students can

- . . . be responsible
- . . . make commitments
- . . . set goals
- . . . work out good educational plans
for themselves
- . . . take good care of themselves

Marie Loar
Walden Director

Walden is an organization made up of a group of people very
dedicated to its learning program. We must serve the needs of
young people for whom the school was founded. It is a very use-
ful program to me: the continual unselfish dedication of the
staff, the enthusiasm of the student body, that's what makes
Walden what it is.

Tom Miller
Walden Board Member





Biology teacher Gary Flemming helping his green-thumbed students in the greenhouse.



Emily Munro and English students attempting to broaden their literary outlooks outside.



Dana Goodrich directing his students toward new perceptions of American History and Government.



Art students with teacher Gary Barnett trying their hands at creativity.



Psychology teacher Jean Fleming counseling a student.



Breaks at Walden offer an opportunity to get together. With the flexible schedule we have, there is time to leave campus for a quick lunch or run errands. For those who don't want Munchie Man's food, Burger King, Dairy Queen, or MacDonald's offer alternatives. (But is that really a step in the right direction?) For those who stay at school, it's a good time to get to know each other and just relax.





This year Walden attracted the attention of Channel 4 News, who did a feature story on Walden's uniquely individual approach to learning.

Walden's drama department was involved with a musical-drama as is shown in this caption at Godspell tryouts. A "pulling together" of all aspects of dramatic reaction was utilized in our attempt to get the show off the ground. Forming a touring company was no small effort in the production. Practice and production was taken beyond the hallowed walls of the confines of Walden. A total experience was the accumulative reaction with everyone contributing toward a "coming together" with Godspell.





We'uns who put these pages to gather to
make this here book:
Sam Biasatti: Editor
Susan Walters:
Copy Editor
Harvy Robinson:
Photography Editor
Charlynn Caldwell
Louann Owens
Kay Hillendahl
Mark Johns
Mike Kogutt
Pam Welch
Beth Oberlin
Linda Shasberger: Advisor
Reinhard Ziegler:
Photography Advisor)
(not pictured due to his position behind the
camera)



Involvement is the key word in the development of today's drama. Theatre or drama today has progressed to the point where the audience is drawn directly into the action of the play. Here you see only a few of the "average" audience participants who were inspired to join in the action of the play, and demanded that they be photographed for the sake of dramatic posterity.

Ken Thornton



Beth Oberlin - one of Walden's real tennis enthusiasts.



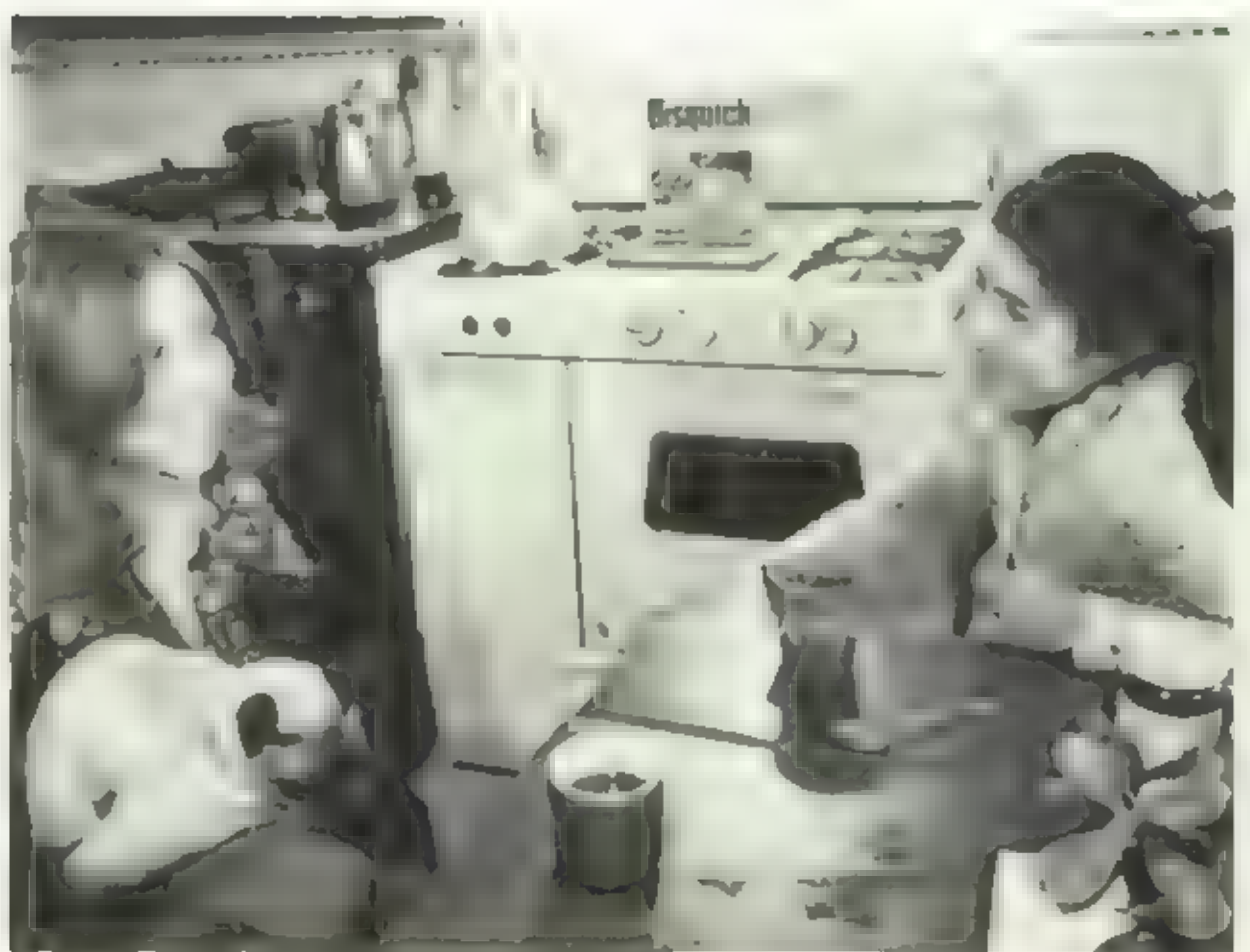
Polo player Joel Sinnott - a first at Walden.

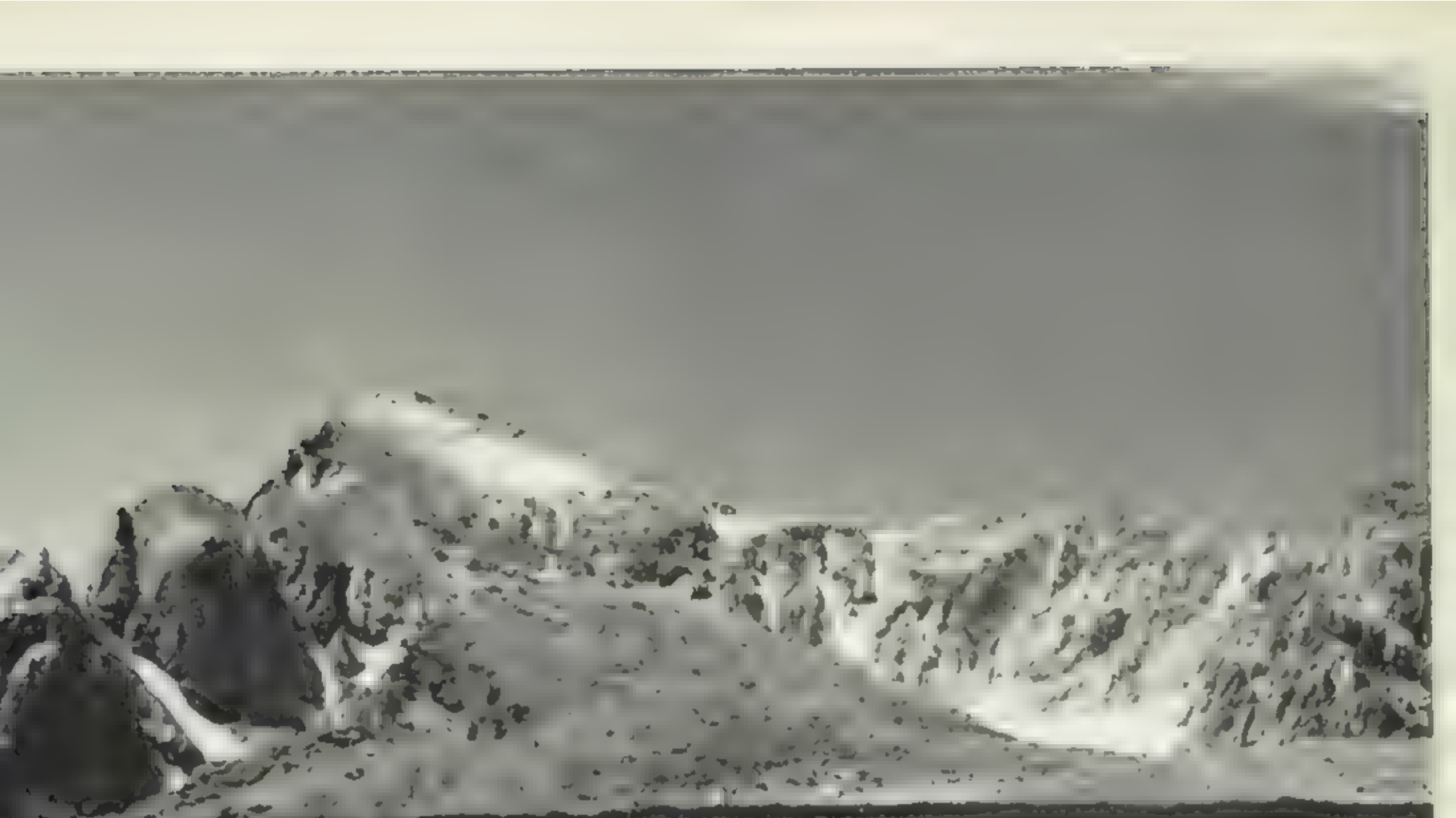
And then there are those of us who simply play . . .

Note the fearlessly flying Kozmik Walden Wratz. Super Mark is about to cross the finish line! Will he win? Will he lose? Who knows? Mighty Matel does it for us one more time. We're running for you S.M.



*The Real
Walden Faculty*





I would like to know you,
to share myself with you,
to be a part of you.
You are preoccupied with living, and so
I can only stand on the edge of your life,
looking in and watching you turn
in the course of your rounds,
and greet me and to continue on.
I am sitting here on this rock watching,
thinking of what could be.
I stand and slowly stretch
knowing it's time to move on.
I thoughtfully looked one last time at you
kicking a stone in your path,
turned
and wandered off to find my own.

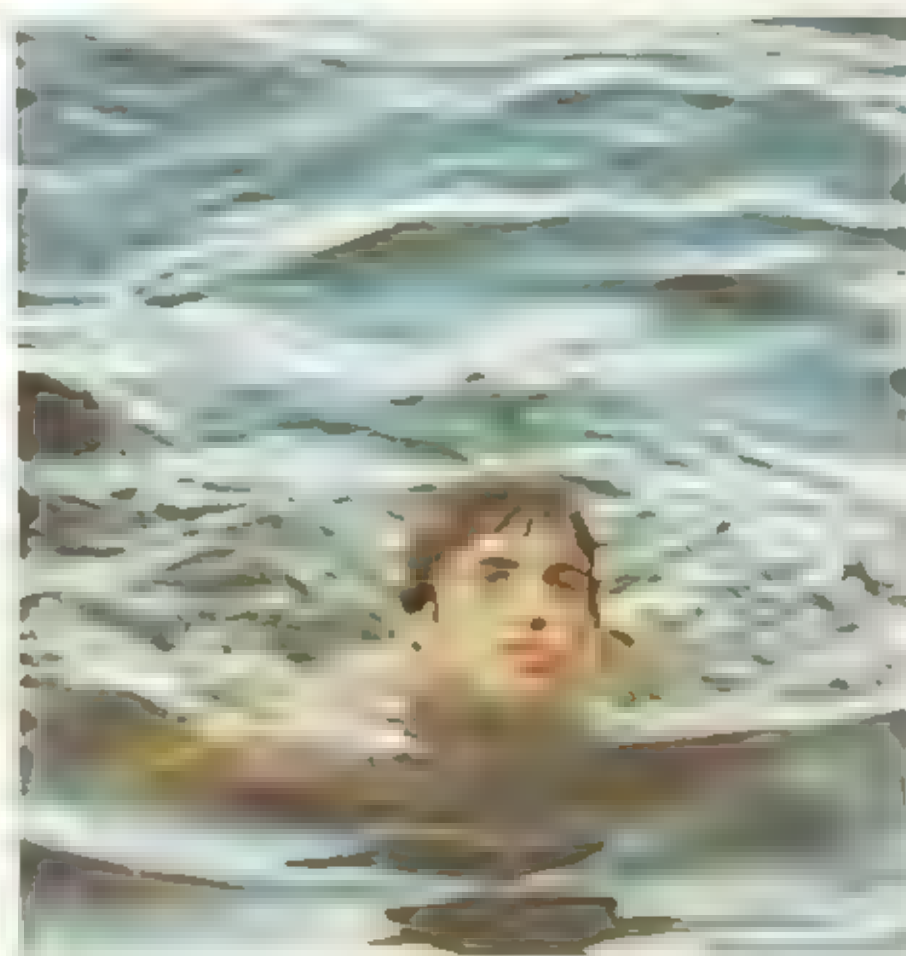
Susan Walters



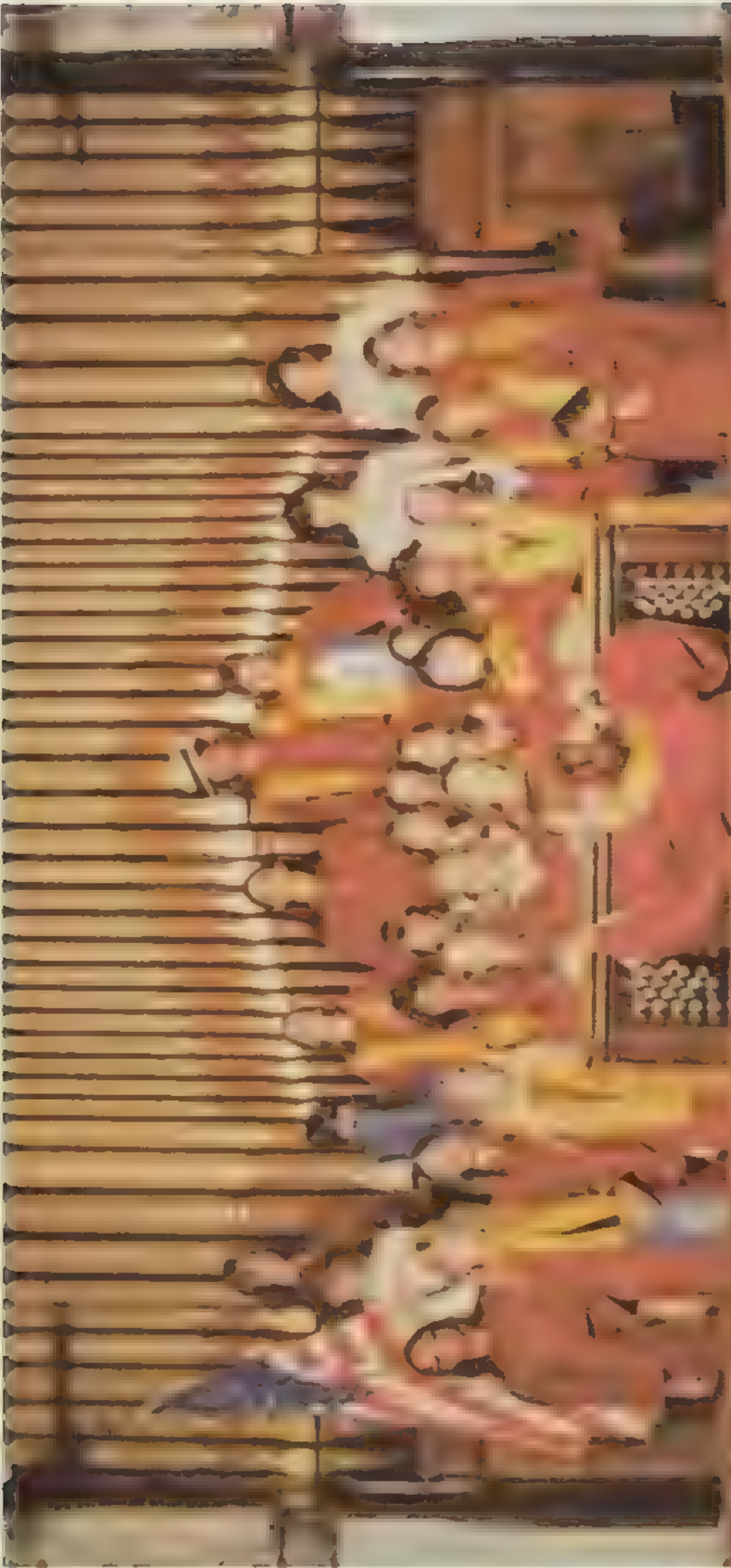
Students participate **ACTIVELY** in outside school projects with their teachers.



On our first high adventure trip we camped on the Brazos River near Lake Whitney where we learned to jump and swim like frogs.



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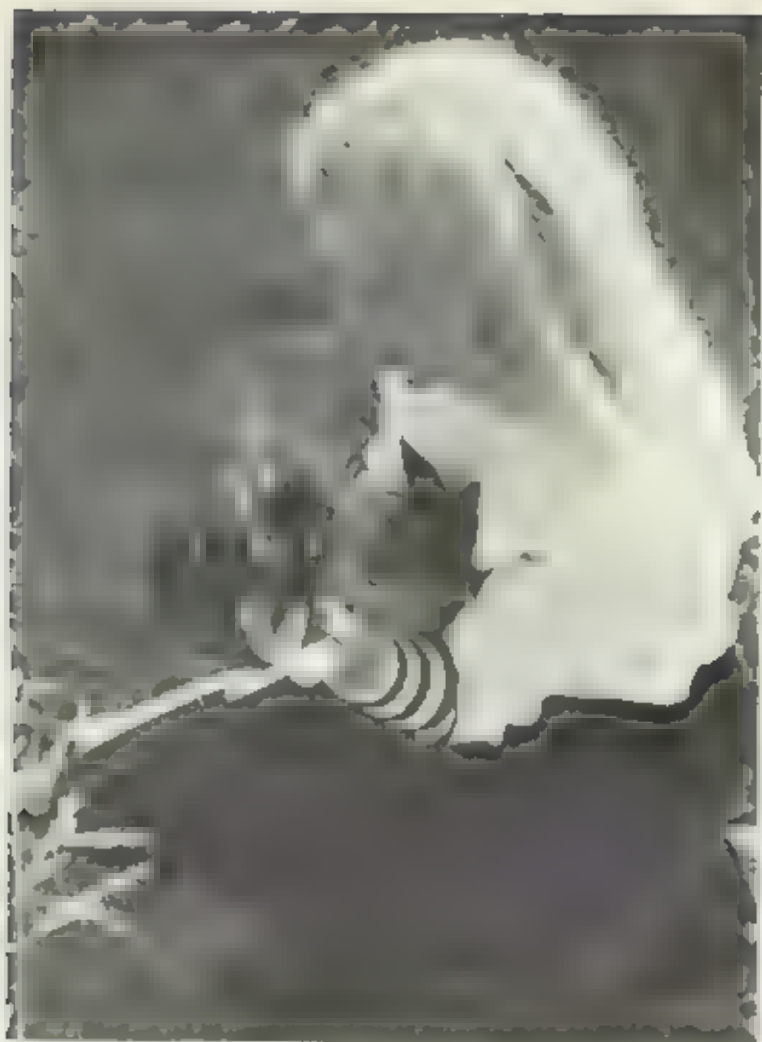


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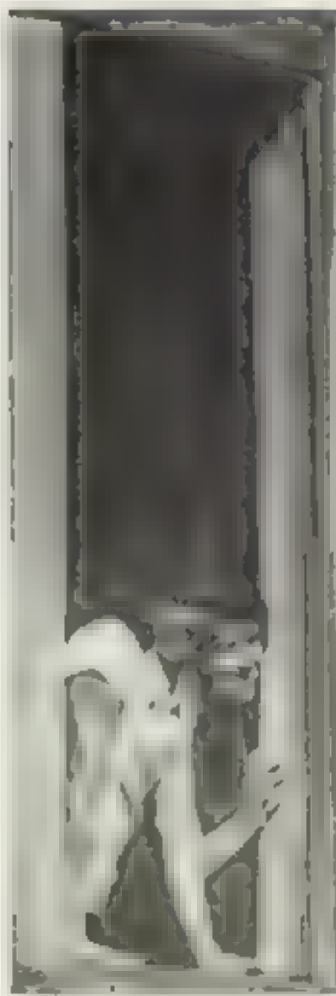
Sooner or later a man, if he
is wise, discovers that life is a
mixture of good days and bad,
victory and defeat, give and
take. He finds that
very few are happy, and
it doesn't do any harm to
sorrow even if it's raining.
He sympathizes with
young students starting
their college years, because
he remembers his first
independent steps.

He experiences
throughout "The Game of
Life" times of hardships
faced after a defeat.
But he rejoices in winning
and the exhilaration
following a victory.
During these years
he learns and
matures while his
dreams become
his reality.
Charlynn Caldwell





CHUCK LATTIMORE



DON TRIGGS



ROY HILLMER



MARY HALE



SCOTT THRASH



SHARI BETTS



TIM SPILLMAN



DAVID BROWNING



JOHN LANGE



STEVE VERHAULT



CINDY FISHER



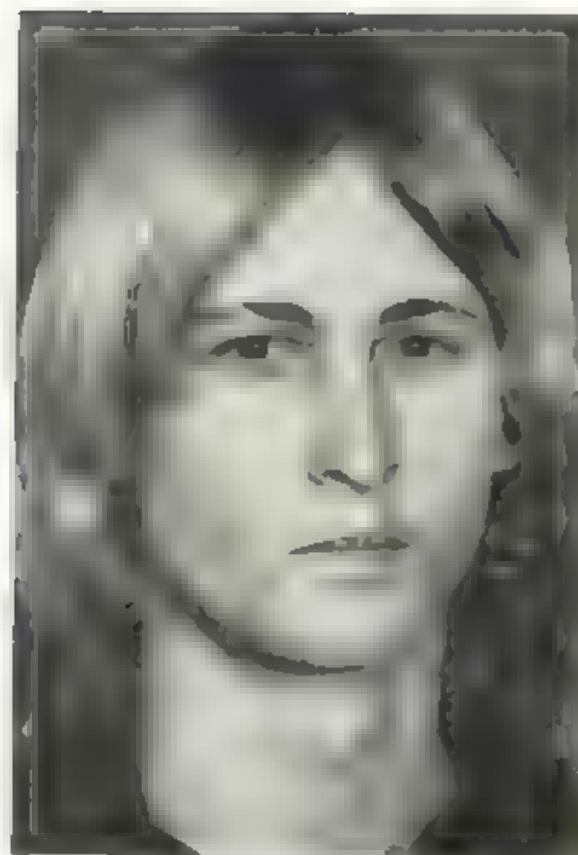
GIL CURRY



JOHN BALLENGER



KELLY WALTERS



MARK HAYNES



VICKIE ROANE



JIM BLEVINS



TAMMI HATHAWAY



GREG PIERCE



HARVEY ROBINSON



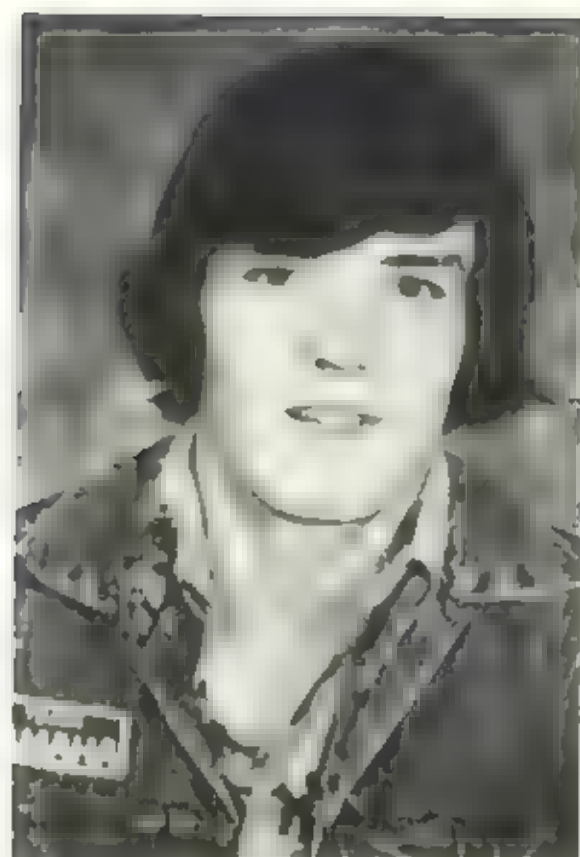
JERRY VICKERS



JANNA BLANTON



DAWNIE GRIFFIN



GARY GLOVER



TIM TRAXLER



MIKE JONES



MARY JONES



MARK SINNOTT



BRUCE BERGER





RON GULLEY



LINDA MELTZER



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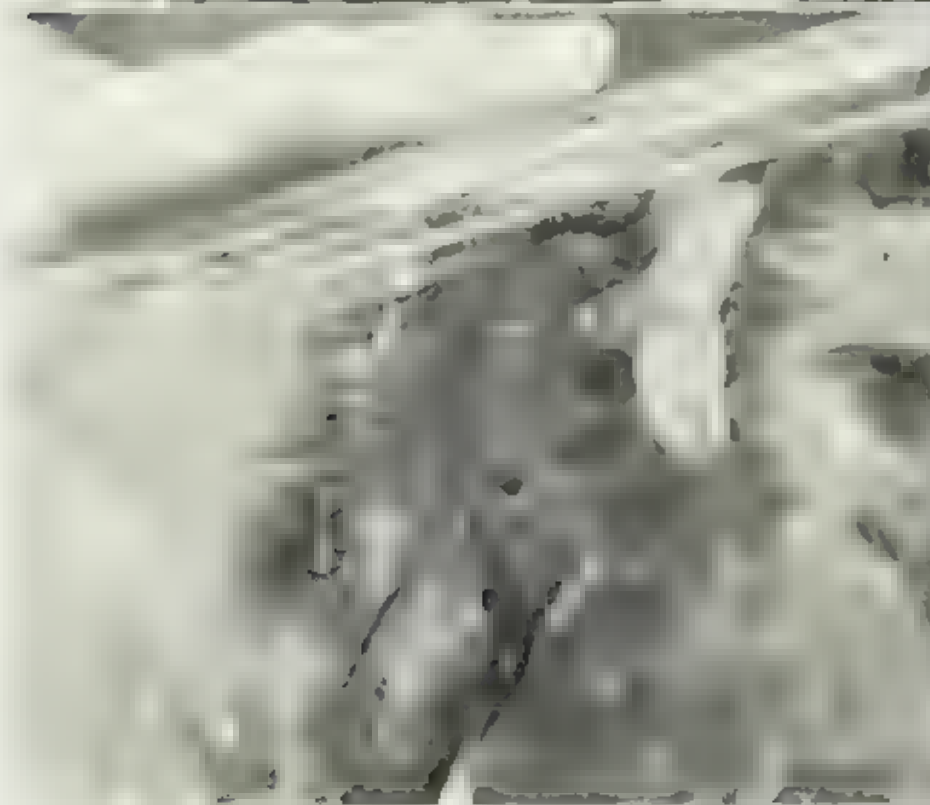


I. B. NEAL



STEVE LOCKE

Classes



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WALLY LINEBARGER
(Resident Bohemian)



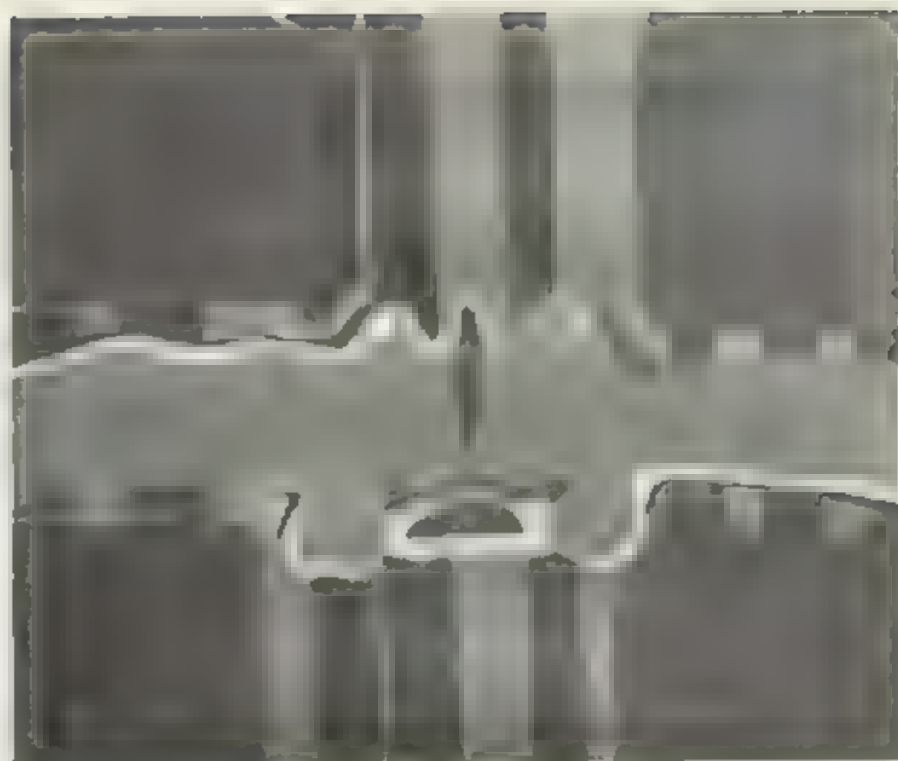
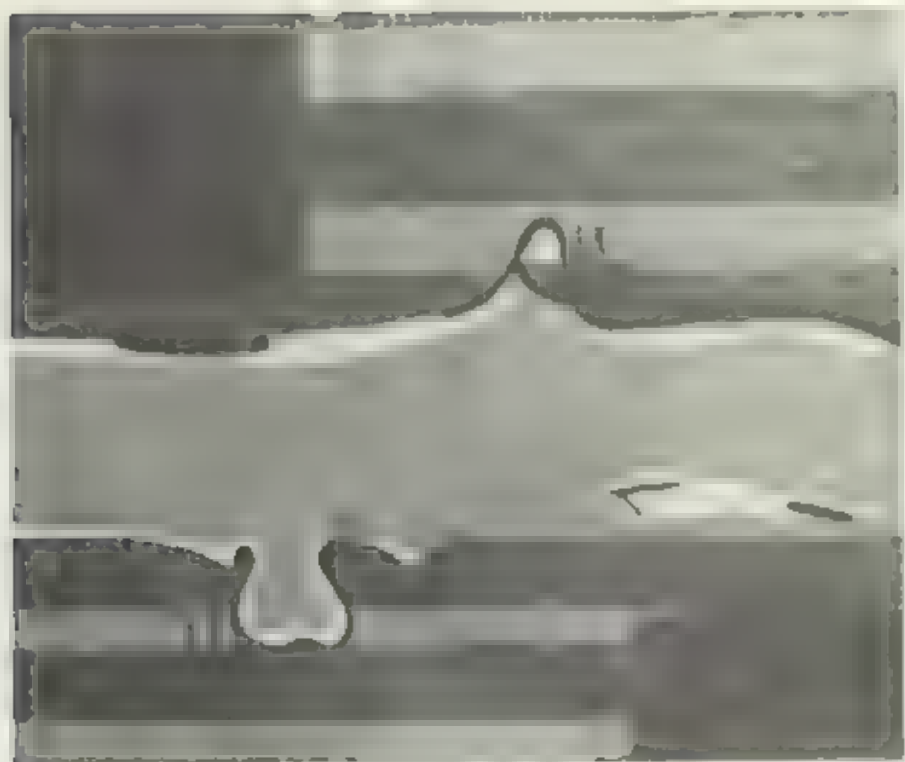
Sam and the evolution of mud pies.



CATHY JOHNS

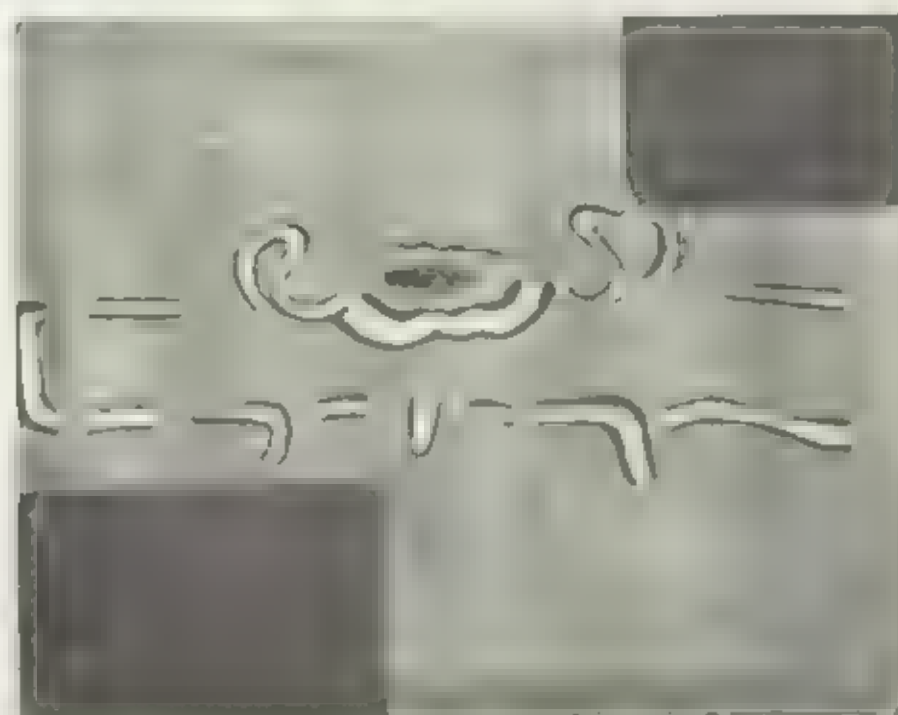


Inspiration

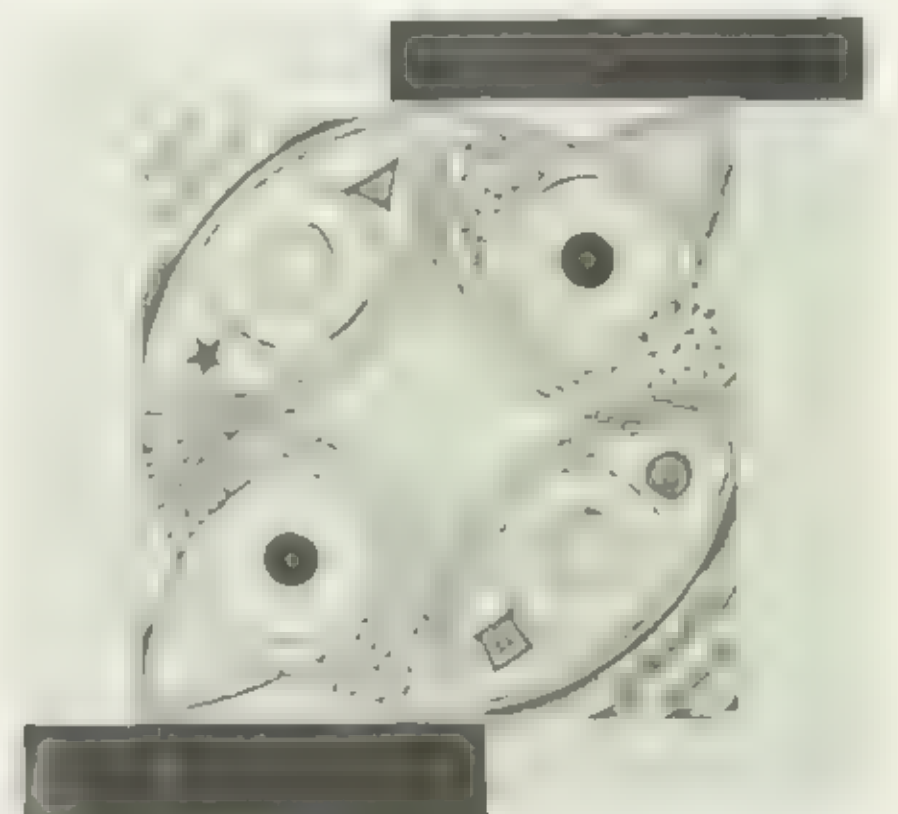


Completed Creations

Wally's class has given us a chance to expand our work into some of the less traditional art forms, and to learn how to express ourselves in new kinds of media.



CORDELL CAMERON





MICHAEL FLANAGAN

How can you be a good Joe when your name is Mike?



Math
Drafting



Computer at work.



TIM ARNDT

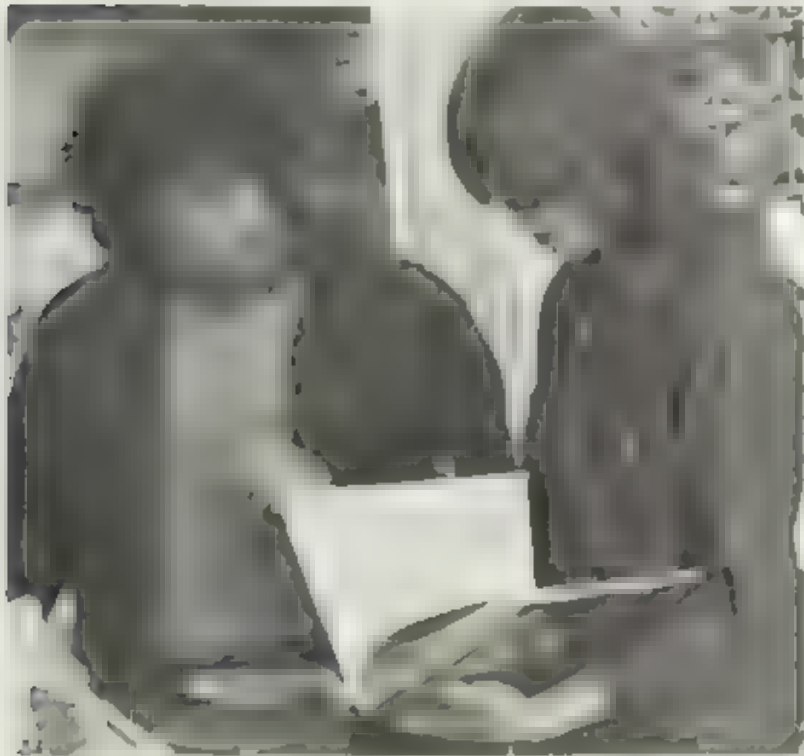


Hi There!

Math

TOBY GARONZIK - More than your average Math teacher. If you need a job or advice on your income tax, Toby will help you out.

TEN-FOUR



Searching for an answer - (in the back of the book)



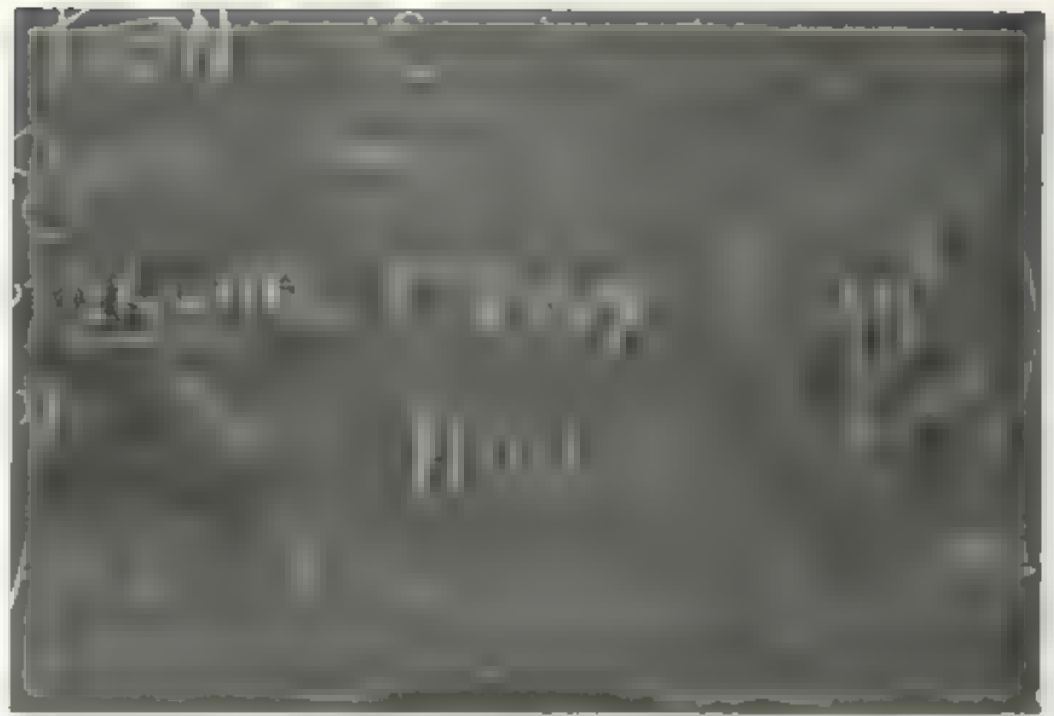
Self Portrait



Toby and Kay



KEN THORNTON



One, two, three, four.
Everybody Hustle!

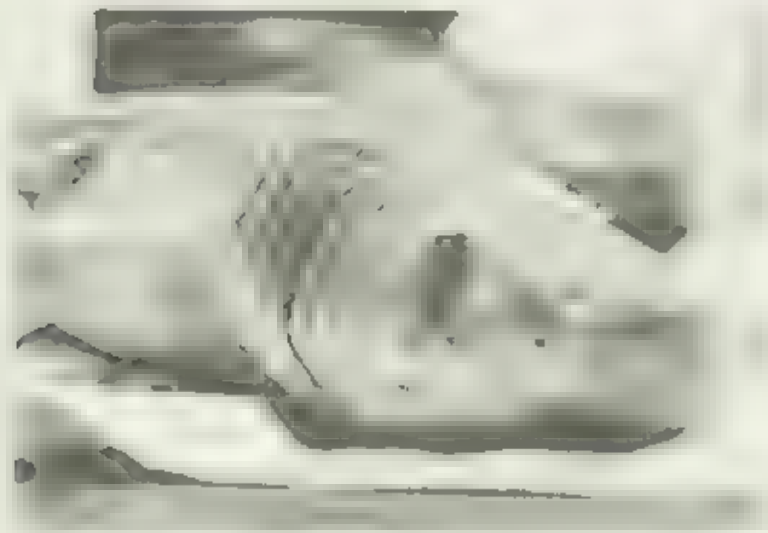
Drama
Government
History



Nancy and Jay are engrossed.



CRAIG CROSBY



Jaws!



STEVE WINKLER





REINHARD ZIEGLER
 "We're all Bozos on this bus."



He's been seen walking on water.



Earth
 and
 Man
 Photography



Portraits



Camera shy?



EMILY MUNRO



English
Sociology





JEAN FLEMING



Psychology
Spanish



Sex appeal





Oh, no! I forgot my homework, Linda.

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LINDA SHASBERGER

Journalism Writing



Can't anyone think up some copy?



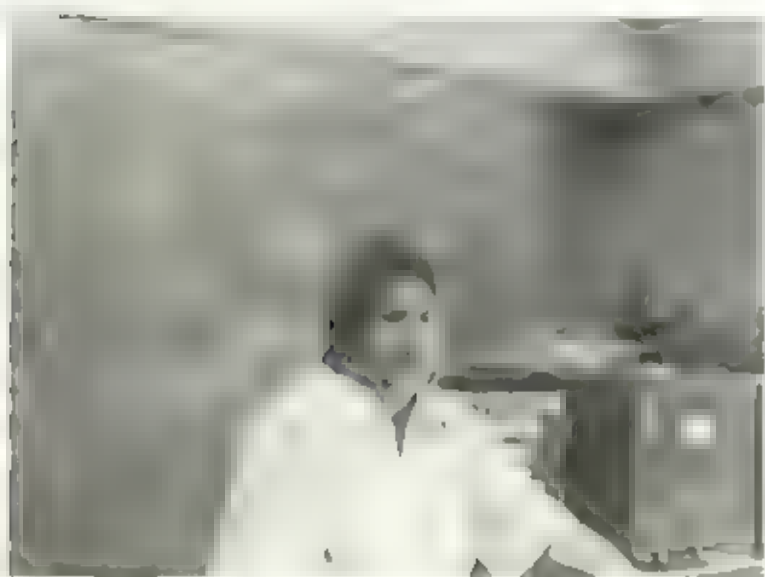
Special thanks from the Journalism class to Harry Boyter for his patience and understanding.



Where? I don't see anything.



LAURA MORAN



I can even turn this machine on with my eyes closed.

French
English

PAMALA EZELL



Reflections of a Year Gone By



Reflections may not always mean just "a vision of the way things used to be." They mean much, much more. The mirror image of yourself can possibly be the best direction toward an education of life. We started with only a thought. Yet, through an imperfect vision of unity, we worked together to build a dream into a living reality. We learned love and life through sharing our thoughts. We learned freedom through each other at Walden.



MARIE LOAR



Walden's Director



Walden's office - always open to students . . .



Pamela working (against odds) in the office.



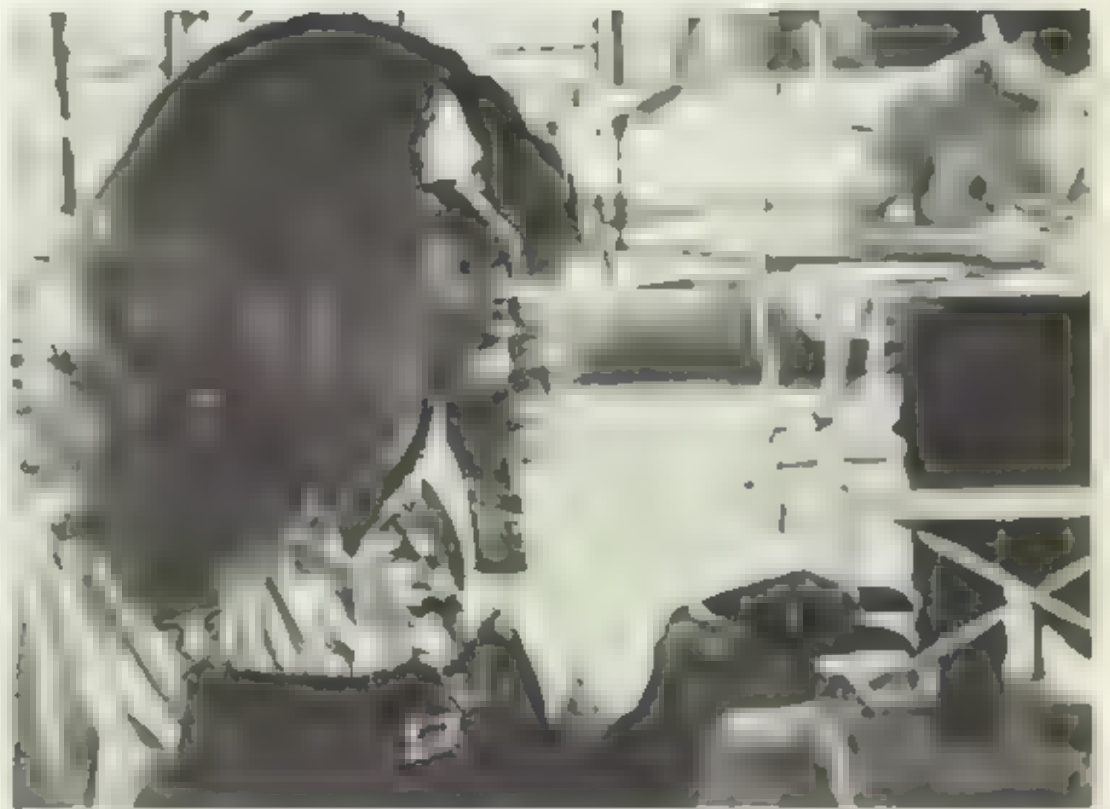
Robert Holloman keeping an eye on things.



. . . and cats

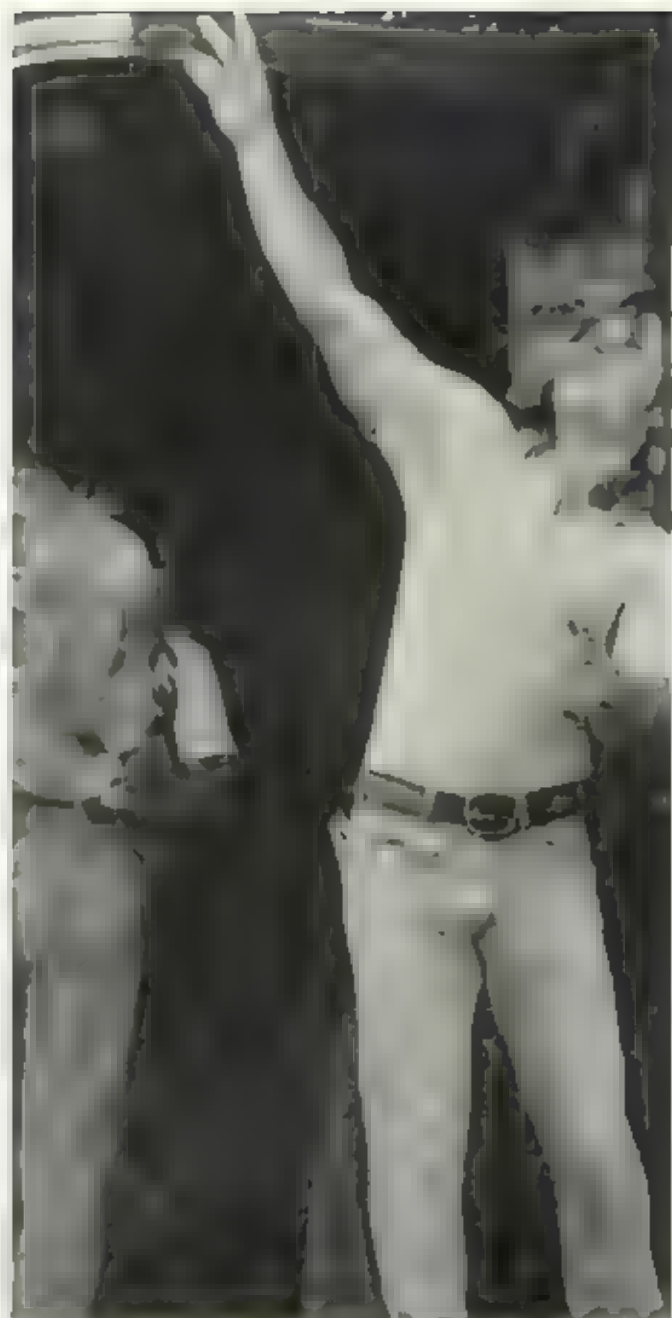


*A Typical
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Hot from the munchie man's ovens, these delicacies tempt Walden students every day at 10:15.



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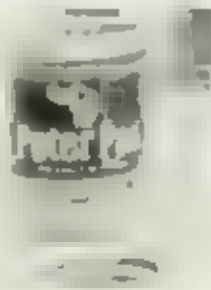
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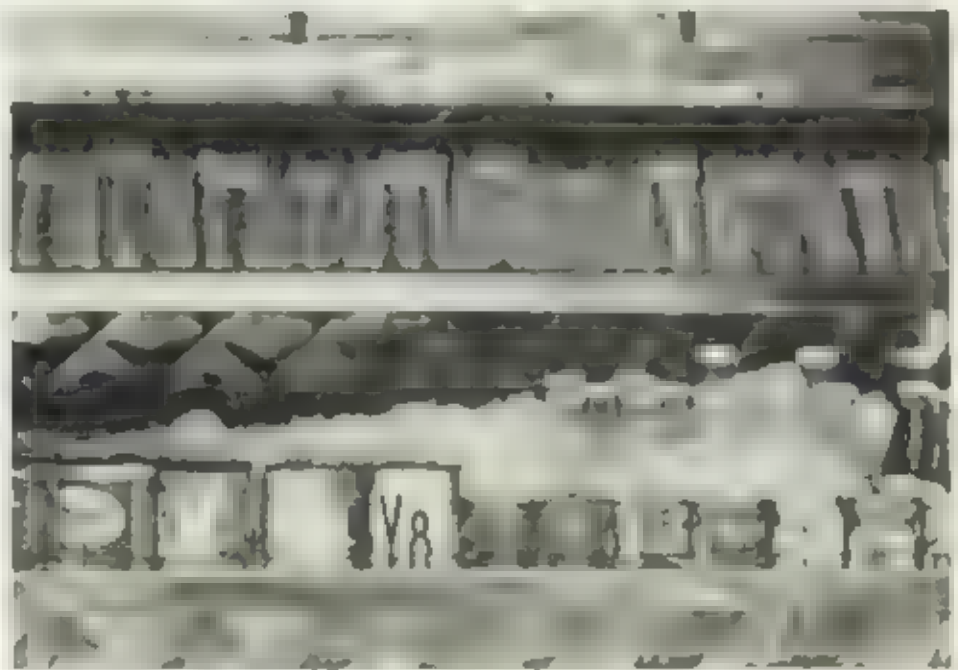
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Munchie Break??





Student-Faculty committee coordinator.

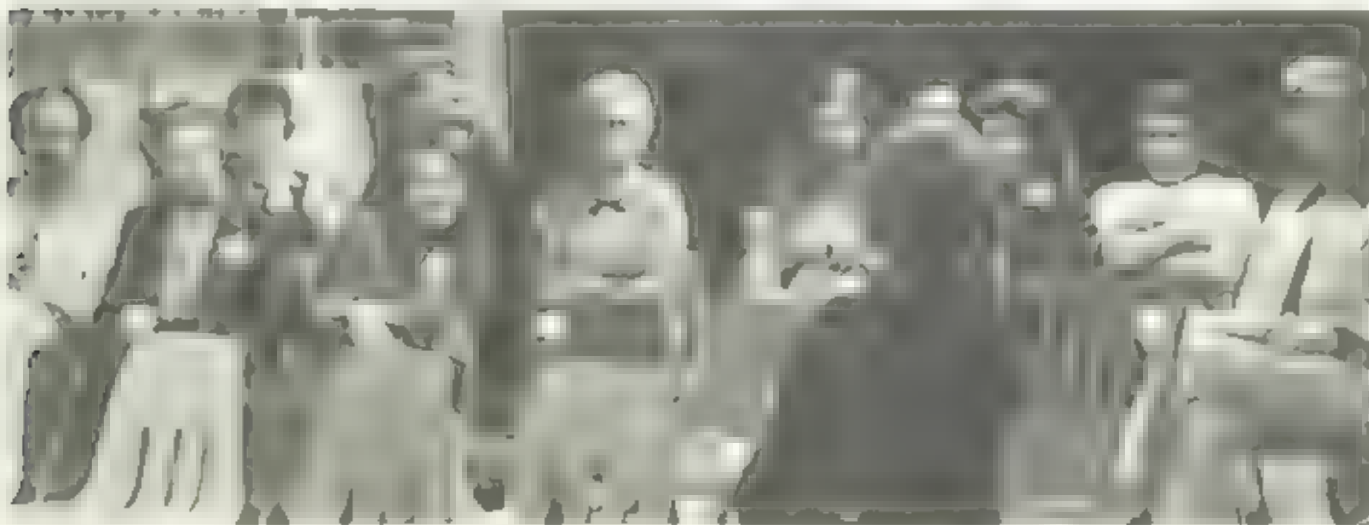
The Student-Faculty committee, new at Walden this year, meets about once a month to discuss problems and come up with brilliant ideas for projects. (see next page)



With a look of keen awareness, Robert Holloman, president of the student-faculty committee, takes in all that is said at the parent-faculty meeting.



Proceeding to entangle the entire area.

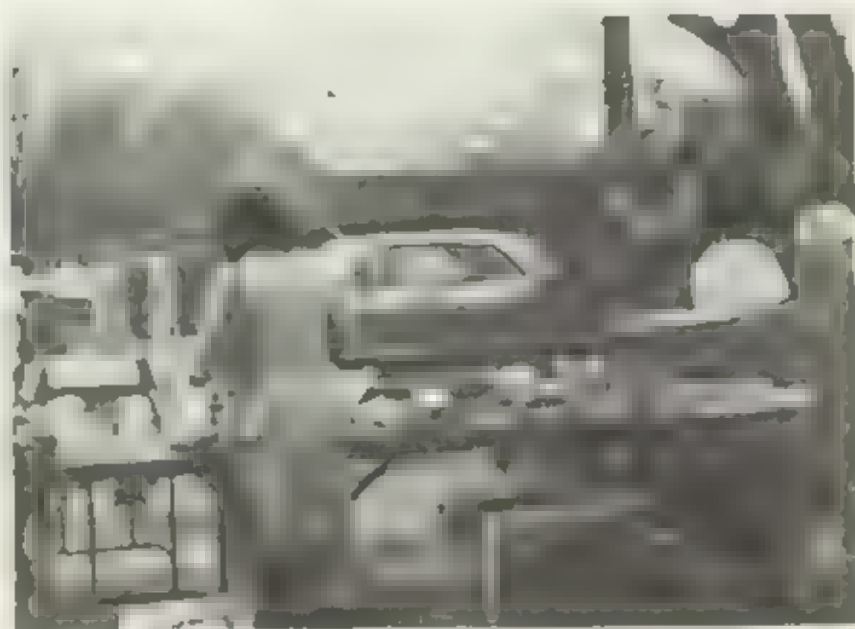


PARENT-FACULTY MEETING

Garage Sale



Students working at the garage sale had lots of help.



Tonka-Toy Thornton was the lead salesman at the Walden Garage Sale.



Interested in some "under-the counter" items?



Registration day. This term students are making out their own schedules.



Is there any way to get eight credits in six classes?



It gets to you after a while.



Can I take an art class?





Flanagan fencing?? Chivalry is not dead!



At Walden we have always believed that learning can be fun - So can faculty meetings.



Toby and Reinhard demonstrate the "Kama Sutra."



Godspell

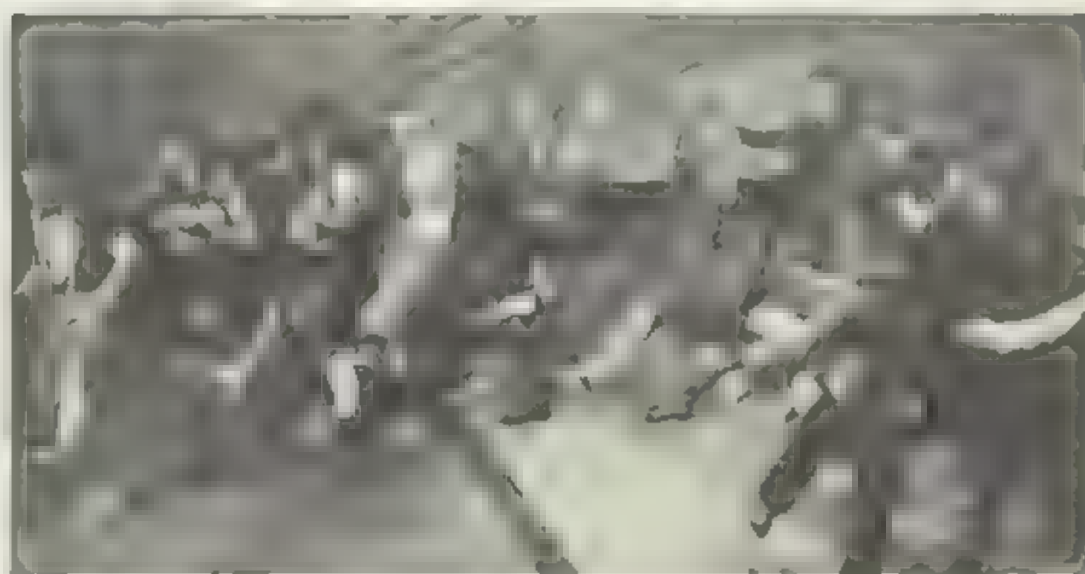


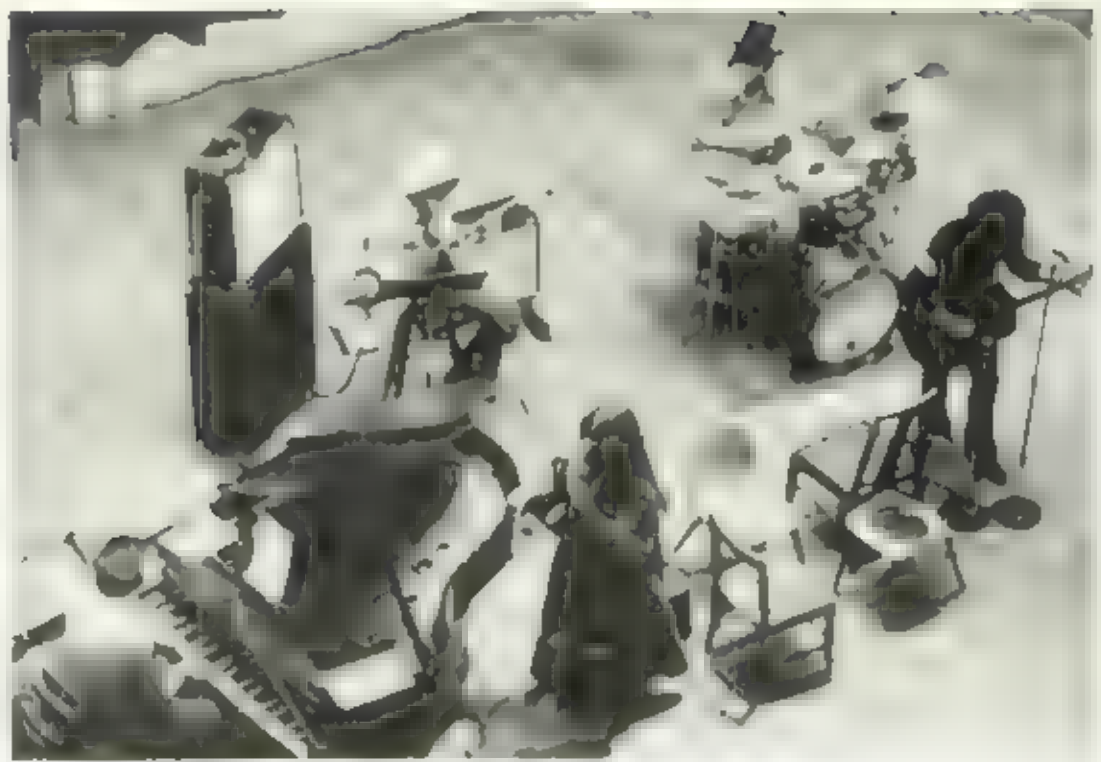
"Light of the World"



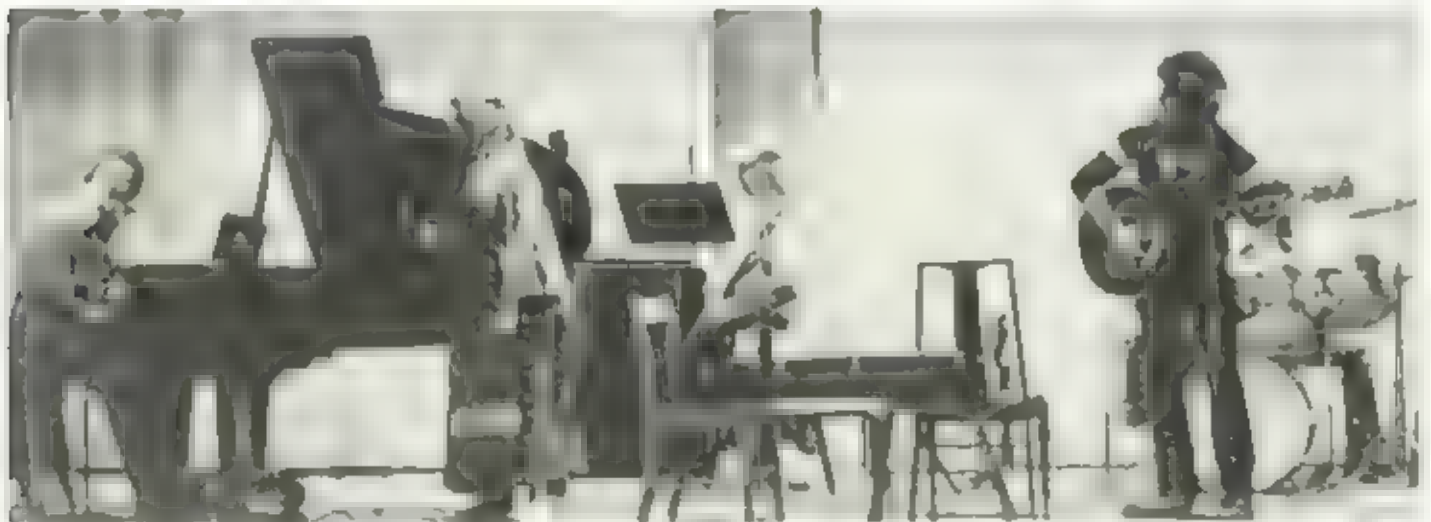
Louann "Turns back" Flanagan

For some of us, GODSPELL was our first contact with religion that made any sense. We communicated, we fought, but in the end, we worked it out.





"I'm still wondering why we did it."



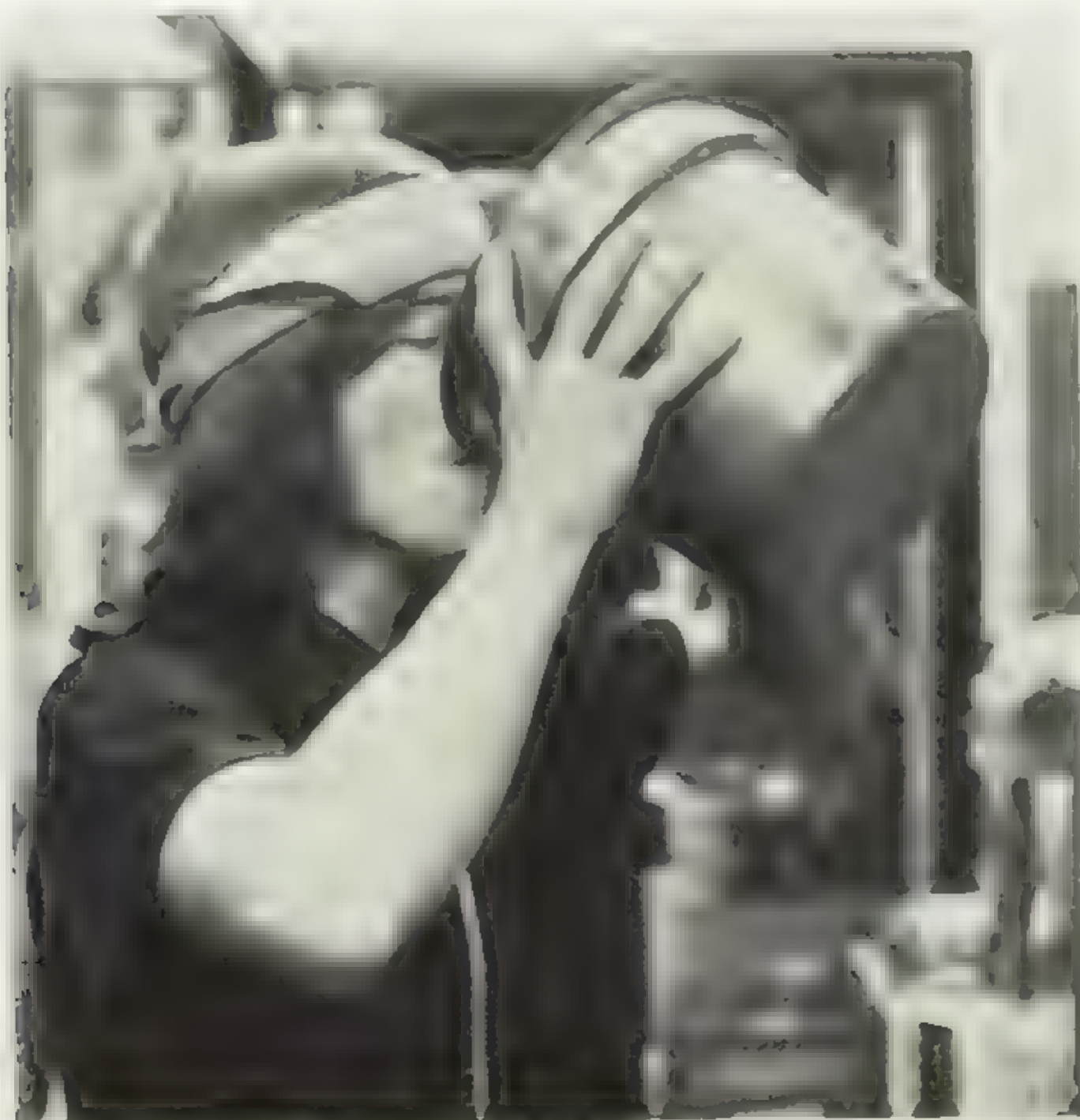
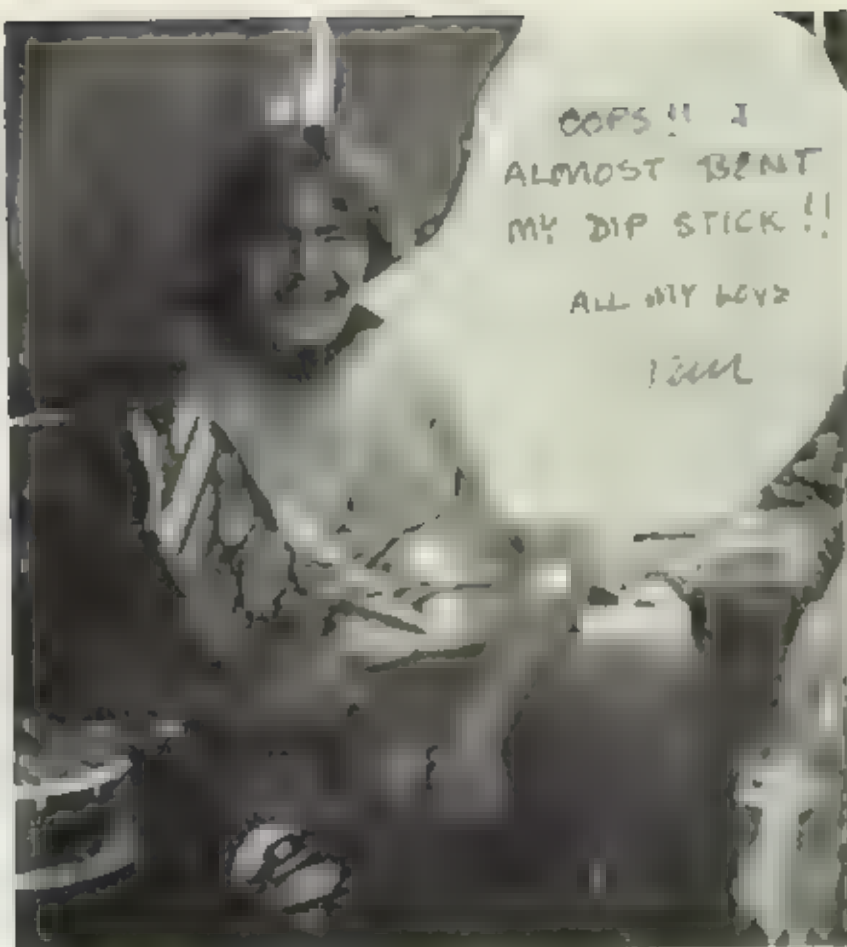
Ken, Jody, and Toby with friends David Dean and Lloyd Hermann perform at Irving High.



Some Waldenites came for a few laughs.



Mary Hale working at Fred's barbeque.

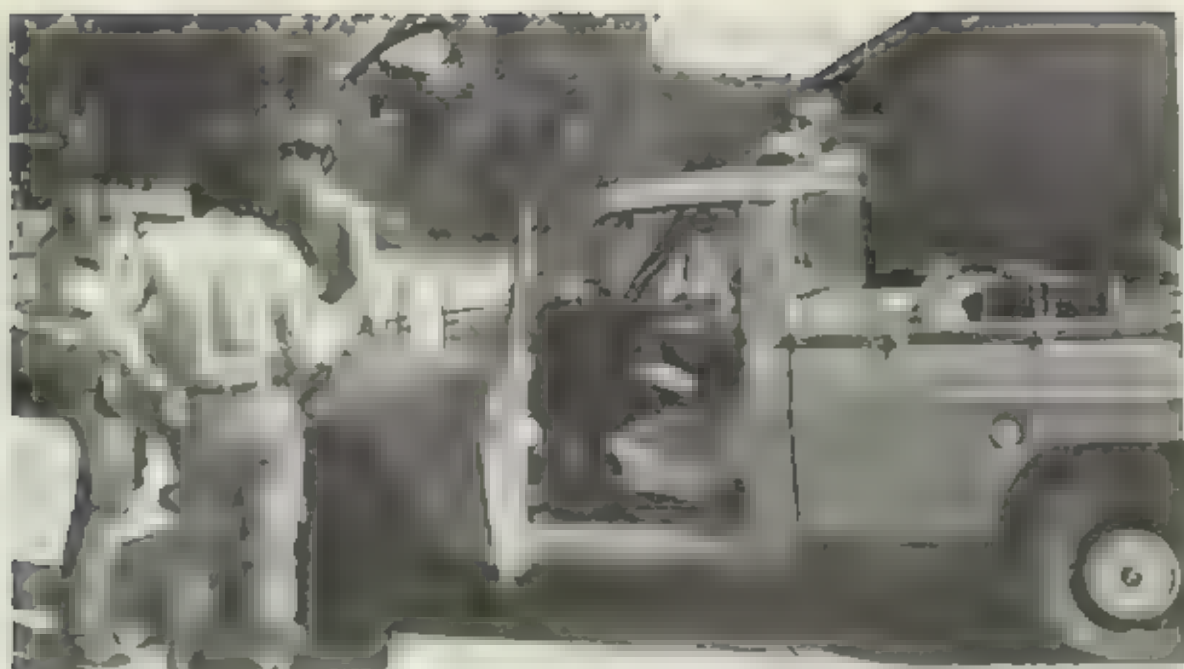


David Womble at work at the Bellmaster Restaurant?



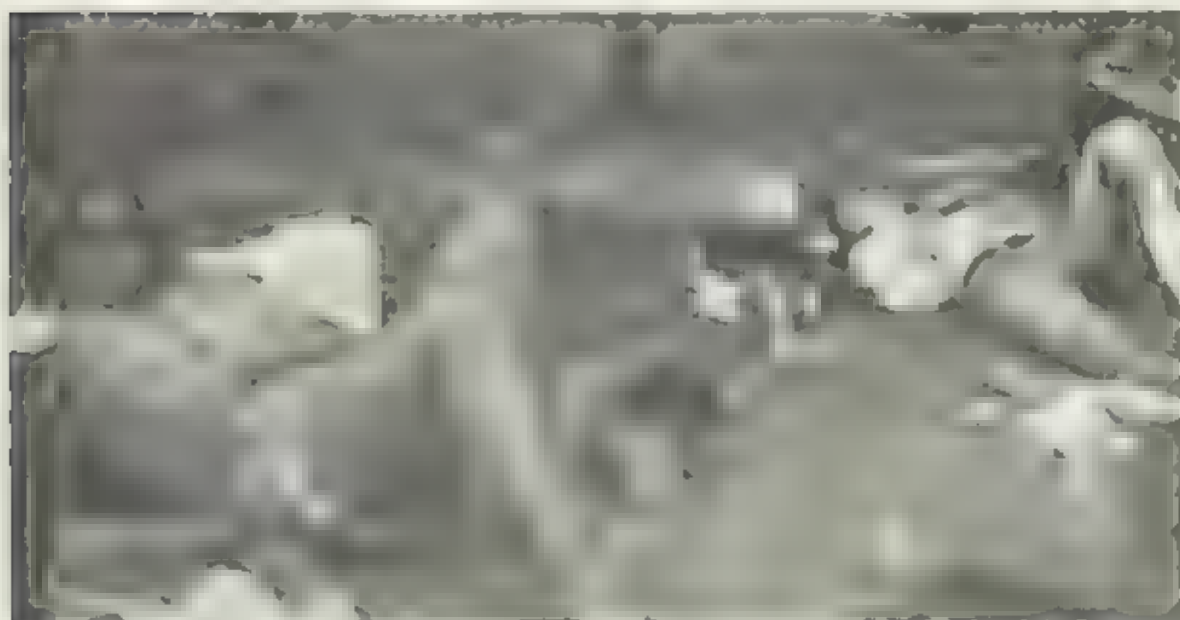
E. Arslay





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I'm glad the typewriter's back at Walden!



Sure hope this water's deep.



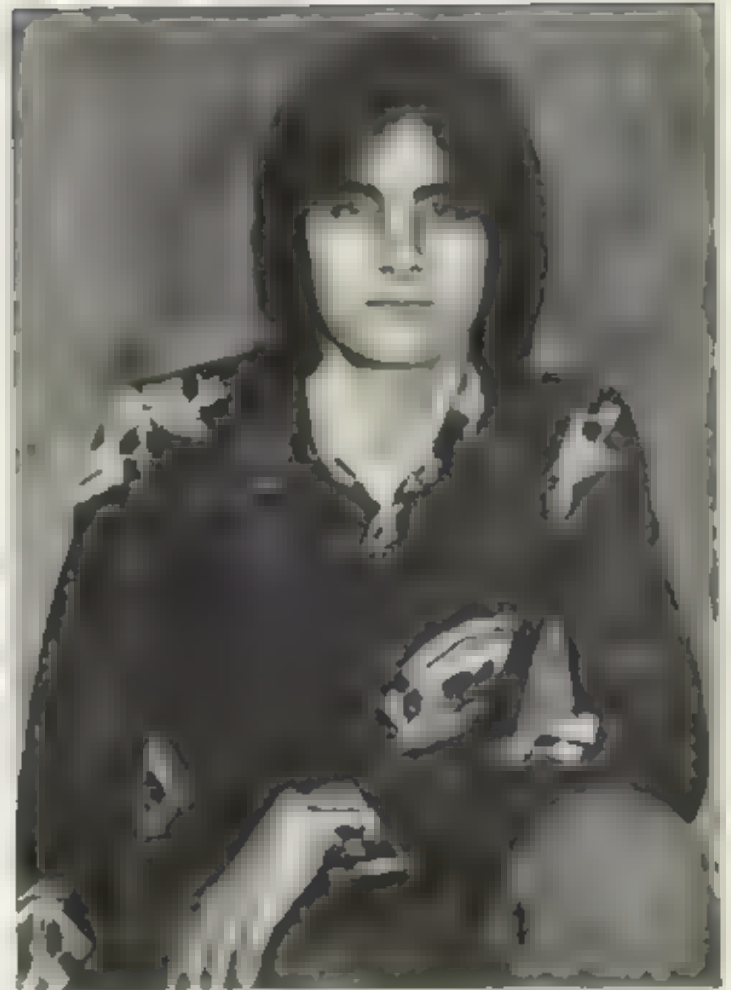
Where Do We Go From Here . . .



PAUL KIMMELMAN

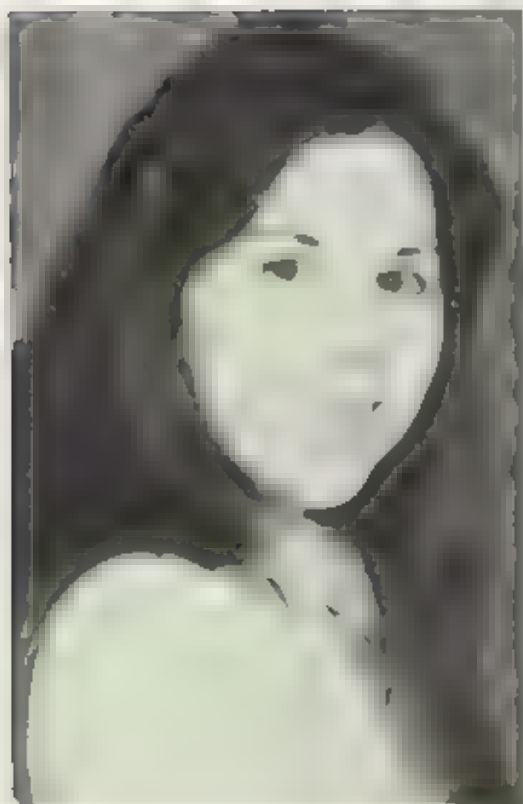
I never found the companion
that was so companionable as
solitude.

- Henry David Thoreau



BRIAN BLANKEMEYER

The mature bohemian is one whose
woman works full time.



KATHI THOMAS

"Man, it's a hassle
But I don't care.
'Cause when I walk down
the street
And a thousand plastic
eyes stare
At me, I stare back at them.
And I laugh back at
them, and
They thank their God that
I just don't care."

- Anonymous



JODY RICH

We all had a real good time.
- Edgar Winter



DON DECKER

Truth perceived,
Guide me through
life.



RICKEY FURRH

It takes time to be
treasured,
Time to improve,
Time to learn how to less
awkwardly move,
It takes time to be
measured,
Time to acquire the full
value of our worth,
Our dreams of desire.



JOE TURNER

I like to think of coke as the thinking man's Dristan.



CRISS CROSSEN

You can't always get what you want
... but if you try, sometime you
just might find that you get what you
need.

- The Rolling Stones



ROBERT HOLLOMAN

I like children if they're cooked
properly.

- W. C. Fields



JUDY PALMS

We don't know who discovered
water, but we're certain it wasn't
a fish.



JEANNE FITZGERALD

Progress is not merely improving the past; it is moving forward toward the future.



GRAY GORNEY

Let's rip our masks off and find out who we really are!

- Enchante,
Gray



TRACY WILSON

Teach your children well,
Their father's life will
slowly go by,
And keep them on your
dreams,
The one they pick
Is the one you'll know
by.

- Crosby Stills Nash Young



SUSAN PAYNE

Got the feeling . . .
- Jumpin Jack Flash



CINDY SMITH

Life, man, is a gas.



TONY KNIGHT

ALL SPACE TO THE SPACED





TIM ARNDT

Make a bigger place in the universe for your head to live in and it will grow to fill the space, man.



KAY HILLEND AHL

Success is survival. We'll all tough it out.

- Michael Murphy



JAY GABRIEL

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

- Henry David Thoreau



CATHY JOHNS

Please do not clutch at the Gossamer Web.

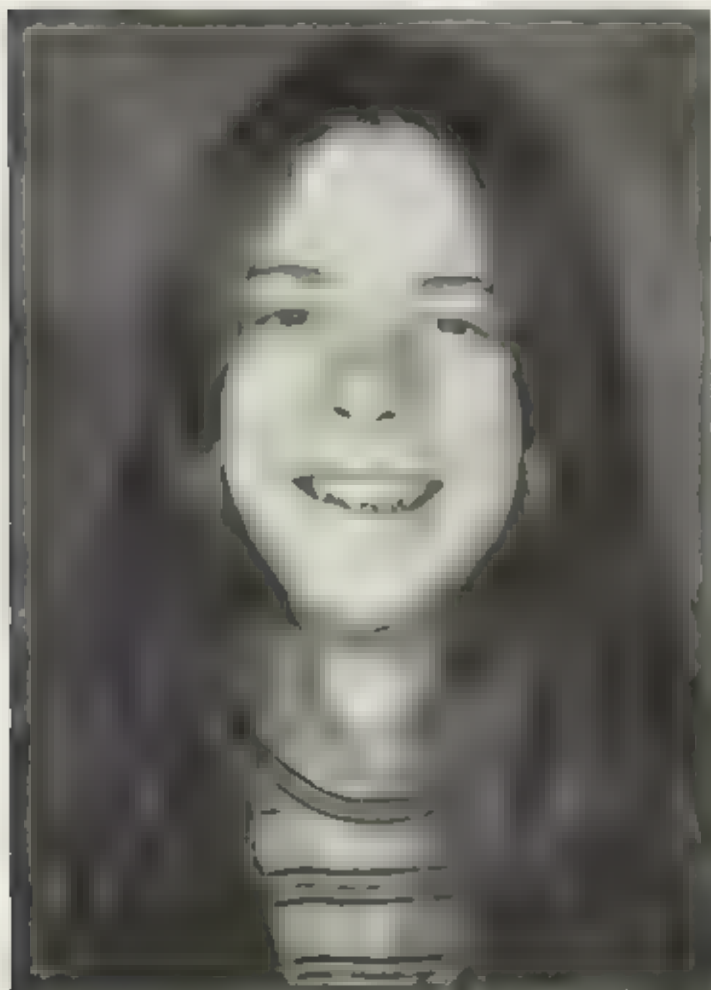
- Timothy Leary



MIKE McCALLY

The great question that has never been answered and which I have not yet been able to answer despite my thirty years of research into the feminine soul is:
WHAT DOES A WOMAN WANT?

- Sigmund Freud



CORDELL CAMERON

I believe everyone can draw if motivated.



MIKE BROWN



TERRI ALLEN

Feel so suicidal
Even have my rock-n-roll.
- John Lennon



GREG WADLEY

Take what you can use and let the rest
go by.



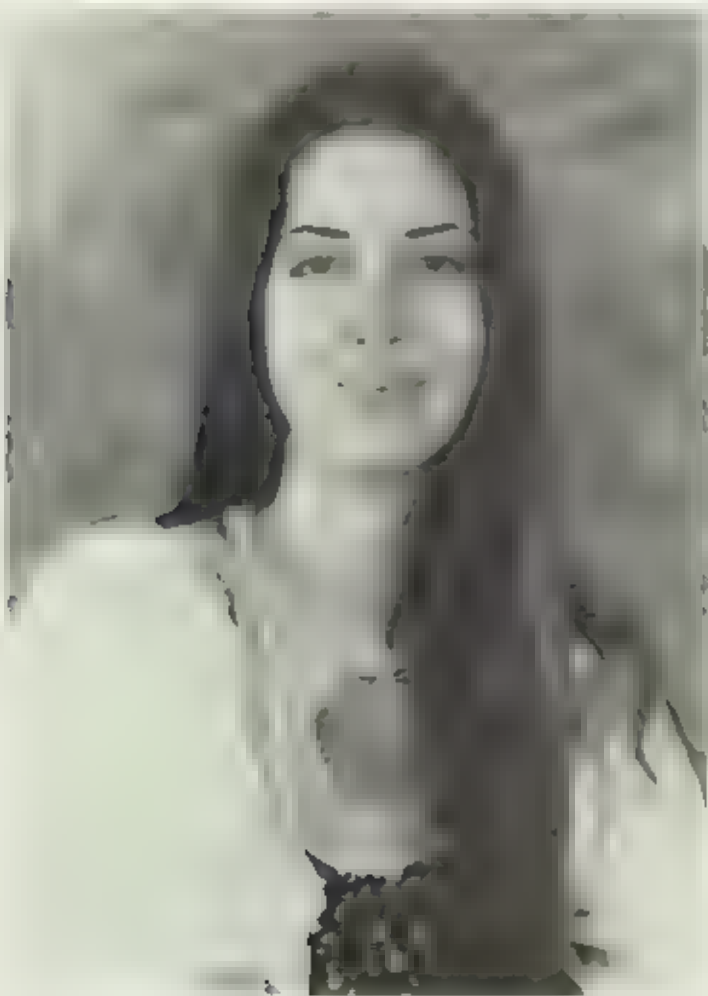
To forget a friend is sad.
Not everyone has a friend.



We really don't know each other for you
have your world and I have mine. If a
time ever came when your world wouldn't
turn anymore, I'd be the first to offer you
mine.

- Sammual L. Biasatti

JANA OWENS



GEORGIANNA MILLS

Distance
and a certain light
makes anything artistic -
it doesn't matter what.



JOHN PIERCE



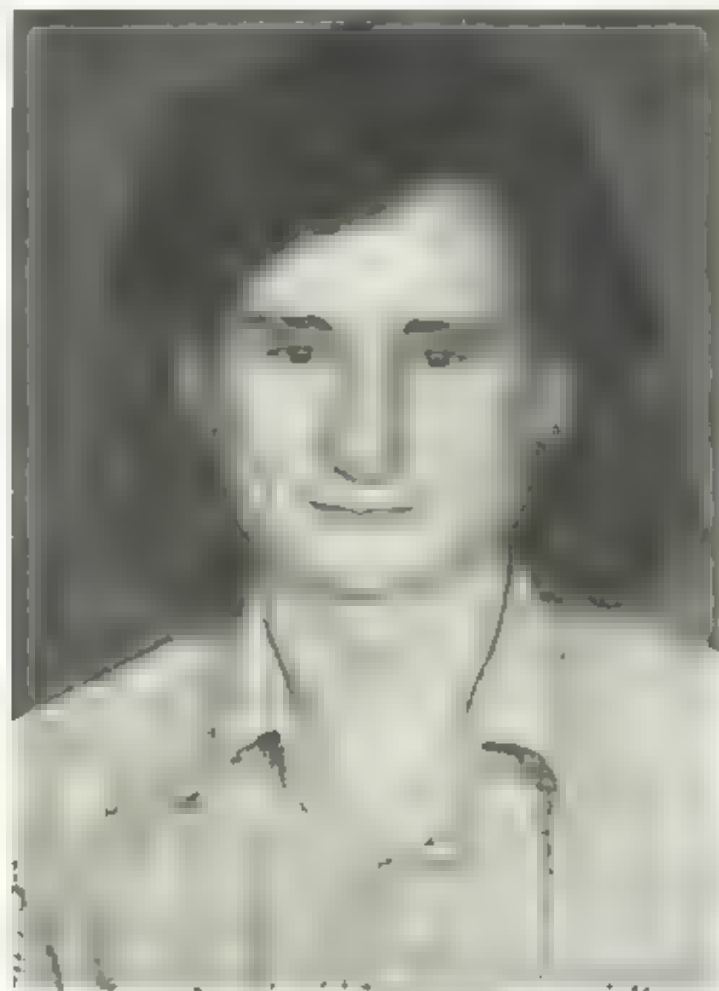
MARK JOHNS

Bad taste doesn't exist; it's just a figment of somebody's paranoia.



JULIE MANNING

The greater your joy or your sorrow,
the smaller the world in your eyes.
- Kahlil Gibran



HARVEY ROBINSON

He didn't know what he was going to do
next, but he'd think of something.

- 2001, A SPACE
ODYSSEY



CHARLYNN CALDWELL

Life is a mirror of
king and slave;
'Tis just what we are
and do -
So give to the world
the best you have
And the best will come
back to you.



DAVID WOMBLE

I know who I was when I got up this
morning, but I must have been
changed several times since then.
- Lewis Carroll



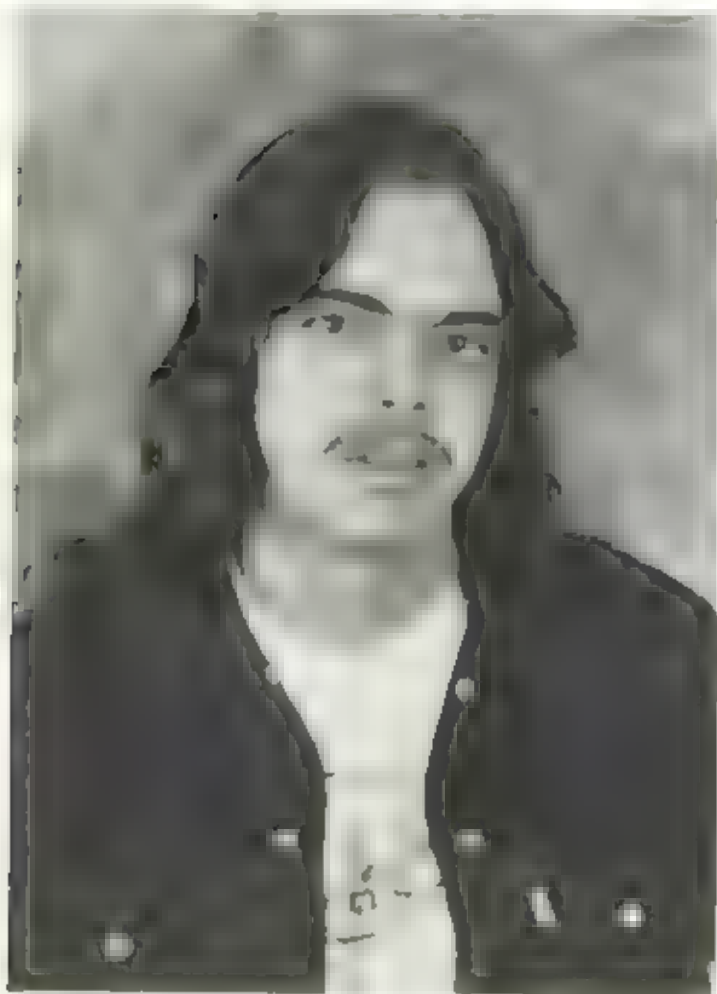
SUSAN WALTERS

To know the world one
must construct it.
- Casare Pavase



Tall ships and tall kings, three times
three; what brought they back from the
foundered land, over the flowing sea?
Seven stars and seven stones, and one
white tree.

- J. R. R. Tolkein



DANNY FORSEE



JIM SOUTH

I wish I were as you: a soul flying over the
valleys.

- Kahlil Gibran



NANCY GANT

And we know that all things work together
for good, for them that love God, for
them who are called according to his pur-
pose.

- Romans 8:28

